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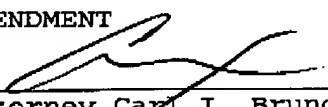
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For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING DATA FORMAT CONVERSION  
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**AMENDMENT**

**MS Amendment**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims**

**Remarks** are included following the amendments.